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TOPIC Military Installations in the Plzen and Stribro Areas 25X1A

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 23 August 1951, the barracks installation immediately northeast of the Gory prison in Plzen (N 50/L 04) quartered a heavy artillery unit. The so-called 35th Regt Barracks in the northern section of the city, about 200 meters west of Republic Square, was occupied by at least 1,000 troops of an undetermined unit. Across from this barracks was the former Chamber of Commerce. The barracks installation on Doudlevecká trida was occupied by a unit of about 400 men. One section of the large building was used by the central post office. The old Na Slovanech Barracks southeast of Plzen quartered a motor transport battalion and a drivers' school. Next to it there was a barracks installation consisting of about 30 low brick buildings which was completed in November 1950 and occupied by a technical unit of at least 1,000 men in March 1951. \* S&B headquarters and an S&B office were in a four-story building on Anglické Bank Street, about 300 meters southeast of Republic Square. The collective military and civilian hospital was on the west side of Remocniční ul., in the southern sector of the city. The post drill ground for infantry units was near the village of Radoice, northwest of the city. The infantry target ranges were near the village of Lobzy, east of the city.
2. A three-story barracks building, about 50 meters long, at the western exit of Stribro (N 50/P 74) on the road to Milikov (N 50/P 74), was completed in November 1950 and occupied by a unit of more than 500 men. Houses containing about 70 apartments, which were to be completed in 1951, were under construction opposite the barracks installation. Construction work was done by the CoSZ firm (Cs. stavebni zavody - Czech Construction Firm) in Plzen, branch office in Stribro, which was subordinate to the Central Administration of Czech Construction Firms in Prague. In May 1951, the branch office in Stribro was incorporated into the Armstav (armadni stavby - Army Construction Administration). Construction work in Stribro was supervised by a junior lieutenant from Stribro and a staff captain from Plzen. \*\*

25X1A \* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The Na Forech Barracks which, according to previous information, was occupied by infantry and air force units in the summer of 1951. See 191-16114. According to a report of May 1951, the 35th Regt barracks installation quartered a unit, allegedly a component of a tank unit, of 25X1A soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. According to previous information, the Na Slovanech Barracks quartered the 155th AAA Regt and a mortar unit in addition to the motor transport battalion and the engineer unit mentioned in the present report. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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\*\* Comment. The construction of the barracks installation in Otribro was also reported by another source in September 1950. The report confirms information supplied by a resettler on the establishment of the military construction firm Armastav in Plzen on 1 May 1951.

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